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651 New Citizens Sworn in at Wrigley Field in District Court's Largest Ever Naturalization Ceremony

Chicago, Ill. - On July 28, 2022, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois hosted its largest ever naturalization ceremony at Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs. 651 candidates from 91 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens.

"We are so pleased to welcome our nation's newest citizens and to celebrate the completion of their citizenship journeys at Wrigley Field, one of America's most iconic ballparks," said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, who was there to welcome the new citizens.

U.S. District Judge Virginia M. Kendall administered the Oath. Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul; Jacob H. Braun, Senior Counselor for Transformation; U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and Mike Lufrano, Executive Vice President, Community & Government Affairs/Chief Legal Officer, Chicago Cubs, also welcomed the new citizens.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court has conducted naturalization ceremonies outdoors, in large public spaces that allow for distancing, and has had to limit the number of citizens at each courthouse ceremony to allow for social distancing and to comply with health guidelines.

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